

## Specificity of Reflection of Differential Forms in A.N.Tikhonov's "Word-Formation Dictionary of the Russian Language"

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**Abstract:** *In recent decades, research on linguistic variation has become relevant. Along with the problem of lexical variation, some publications, in particular on the material of Germanic languages, examine the phenomenon of so-called linguistic differentiation. The study of language variation as a linguistic phenomenon, which should be distinguished from language differentiation, is considered relevant. In the "Word-Formation Dictionary of A.N. Tikhonov", examples of differential forms as initial words of word-formation nests are indicated by different stylistic marks. This article examines the representation of linguistic differentiation in this dictionary.*

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Word-formation features of the Russian language are of considerable interest to linguists, as they reflect the systematic nature, dynamics and historical development of the language. One of the authoritative sources devoted to this aspect is the "Word-Formation Dictionary of the Russian Language" edited by A.N. Tikhonov. Among the many phenomena under consideration, the so-called differential forms deserve special attention [1, 8].

It should be noted that linguistic variants can be called changing units that are identical to themselves. However, there are cases when units carry additional information (marked with the labels "obsolete", "bookish", "colloquial", "dialectal" / "regional", etc.) In this case, we should not talk about variant forms, but about differential ones [3, 61]. The phenomenon of linguistic differentiation, which we wrote about earlier in the previous article, is quite widely represented in explanatory dictionaries of the Russian language [2, 363-366].

In the context of word formation, differential forms are words formed from the same derivational word, but differing in meaning or stylistic coloring due to the use of different word formation models. These forms are often synonymous, but introduce semantic or expressive nuances.

A.N. Tikhonov in his dictionary not only records word-formation connections, but also systematizes them within the framework of word-formation nests.

Differential forms [5] in the dictionary have stylistic marks (obsolete, regional, colloquial, etc.), which determine the place and role of the word in the nest. As the author explains, they "indicate the position of the word in the synchronous system of word formation and testify to the restrictions imposed on it by the current (functioning) system. They are provided with words that occupy the place allotted to them in the nest precisely because of their stylistic inferiority" [4, 17]. For example:

**здороваться**

здорова-ни-е

перездороваться

**разразиться**

разраж-а-ться

разраж-ений-е

по-здороваться

здоровкаться, *regional, colloquial*

по-здоровкаться

разразить, *outdated*

разраж-а-ть

карлик

карл-иц-а

карлик-ов-ый

карла, карло, *outdated*

кузниц(а)

кузнич-н-ый

кузня, *regional*

As we can see, the dictionary clearly demonstrates not only the formal difference, but also the functional and stylistic one.

Studying differential forms in Tikhonov's dictionary is important not only for linguists, but also for teachers, students of philology, editors, and translators. It helps: to more accurately select words with the necessary stylistic coloring; to understand the nuances in the author's speech; to identify the potential of a word in creating new forms.

Thus, the phenomenon of linguistic differentiation is an insufficiently studied, interesting phenomenon in the system of Russian linguistics, which has its own characteristics and is reflected in explanatory and word-formation dictionaries of the Russian language.

Differential forms, as they are presented in the "Word-Formation Dictionary of the Russian Language" by A.N. Tikhonov, demonstrate the richness and flexibility of the Russian word-formation system. This dictionary is a valuable tool for those who seek a deeper understanding of the structure and expressive possibilities of the Russian language.

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